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MARKETING WITH THE MOUNTAINS

Charlotte Observer.
A "staff correspondent" of the Winston Salem Journal, who is up in the mountain section, sends that paper a quotation from the Watauga Democrat which uncovers a commercial project between the people of Watauga and Charlotte. The Watauga County paper is quoted as having learned that there is "a company being organized in Charlotte to operate produce houses in Boone, Blowing Rock, Hickory, Gastonia and Charlotte. This company will operate a fleet of trucks from Boone to Charlotte and will market Watauga county products direct to the textile country." It is explained that "the primary pur-

pose of the company will be to buy and sell farm products, but a reasonable freight rate will be made on the return trip, which will enable the merchants to do what they have long wanted to do, that is to buy in their own State. They expect to start operations this Spring and will be prepared to handle the entire farm products of the county."

This project is the outcome of the successful experiments with motor truck delivery which were made last Summer by Watauga farmers. They had no apples to sell on account of the Spring frosts, but they had an abundance of cabbage and The Observer related how these cab-

bage trucks disposed of their cargoes at Hickory, Newton and other towns along the route, without ever having reached the metropolitan market. The nearest the cabbage truck came to Charlotte was Mooresville. This proposed direct system of marketing the mountain produce, however, is an eminently practical one, and during the coming season the people may expect to be brought into enjoyment of the freshly grown products of the mountain farms, to the inclusion of cheese, butter and orchard

A REAL MAN IS A MAN ANYWHERE.

Editor WATAUGA DEMOCRAT:
Watauga County has recently suffered a great loss in the death of T. P. ("Dock") Adams and Manly Blackburn, a loss which expatriates as well as those who now live in the county feel. These two men were both alike and unlike. "Dock" Adams was a Democrat and a Baptist; Manly Blackburn was a republican and a Methodist, both were good men. After all, one can be a good man regardless of church membership or political party affiliations. That is the first great lesson that comes to me from the lives of these two men.

"Dock" or "Talton," as my grandfather Swift used to call him, was a typical countryman, content to live in a plain way in the country. It was no hardship but rather a pleasure for him to retire away in the hollows of the Rich Mountain and there to spend most of his days in communion with nature. But this came from no desire to go apart from his fellows. I never saw him in my life when he was

TO THE FARMERS OF WATAUGA COUNTY.

With good roads and good markets for Watauga County products, it would pay the farmers to investigate and find out just what this section of the state demands that can be raised in Watauga County at a profit.

The writer has been engaged in marketing farm products for years, and offers the following information for what it worth:

There is brought to this section every spring quite a number of cars of Maine grown seed Irish potatoes: Watauga county can grow just as fine potatoes as Maine. The following varieties will be wanted next February for seed: Bliss, Triumph, Cobblers, Rose, Early Ohios, and Green Mountain. Several farmers in a community could each grow one variety, and then cooperate when it comes to selling, thereby being able to supply the demand for the various varieties.

A limited amount of cabbage should be grown for delivery in this section. From August the st, the market is practically re of cabbage after the crop is ade in this section, and the de- and starts up again about the iddle of August.

After [the fall crop] is grown, he proper storage houses should e built to take care of the sur- and it should be

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER TARLETON P. ADAMS.

It is seldom that a fraternal organization is called upon to pay honors to one whose life was more closely identified with its history than Snow Lodge, No. 363, A. F. & A. M., is today resulting from the decease of Bro. T. P. Adams.

Brother Adams was the first Master of this Lodge when it was working under a dispensation of the Grand Lodge in the year 1878, and was the first Master after it obtained a charter, and was repeatedly elected to that position afterward. But it was in Watauga Lodge, No. 273, that he received the degrees of Masonry. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason Aug. 13, 1869 and he served as Master of that Lodge before he obtained a demit.

Brother Adams was also closely identified with the history of his native county. He was elected County Commissioner in the year 1874, and perhaps served two terms as such. But it was in connection with the educational interests of his county that Brother Adams made his greatest record. He served the county as a member of the Board of Education for a longer period of time than any other man ever served it, and resigned about two years ago on account of failing health.

He was one of the first trustees of the Appalachian Training School. He believed in primary education, and also in higher education.

Brother Adams was a stockholder in the Watauga County Bank and was one of its first directors. He was also interested in the religious work of his community. He first united with the M. E. Church South at Henson's Chapel in the year 1874. Afterward, perhaps in the early 80's, he united with Cove Creek Baptist church, and was a constituent member of Pleasant Grove Baptist church when it was constituted, and died a member, and a member of the same, and not a stain appears on any of the church records to mar his Christian character.

Brother Adams was born on March 14, 1846, and departed his life March 1, 1922, and was therefore nearly 76 years old at his death. He was twice married. First on June 7, 1877, to Miss Rebecca Adams, she dying in 1908. He was married again in December, 1910, to Miss Mollie Sugman.

Our brother leaves a devoted companion, two children, one mother, one sister and a host of friends to mourn their loss, but his passing was only a transition from earth to a better clime. He tried to be faithful in every capacity in which he served. He loved his State, he loved his church, he loved his Lodge, and as a fitting testimonial of appreciation, be it Resolved by Snow Lodge in this emergency Communication now assembled:

1. That in the death of Brother Adams this Lodge loses a loyal supporter, the State a faithful citizen, the church a faithful member and his family a devoted husband and father.
 2. That while our hearts are saddened by this dispensation of Providence, we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.
 3. That we tender to the bereaved family our heart-felt sympathy, and commend them to Him who makes no mistakes and who alone can heal the broken heart.
 4. That a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge, a copy sent to the widow of the deceased, and a copy sent to The Watauga Democrat for publication.
- W. S. FARTHING,
W. F. SHERWOOD, Com.
March 2, 1922.

BIG SLAUGHTER SALE

BEGINNING MONDAY MARCH 27
and continuing throughout

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Come in and let us convince you.

Five Pounds Granulated Sugar
With Every \$10.00 Purchase
Except on Flour and Grass Seed

MEN'S SUITS
\$8 \$10
\$12.50-\$18

25 to 30 Per Cent
Discount
On All Clothing

Men's Work Shoes
\$2.25 to \$4.00

DRESS SHOES
\$3.75 up

Ladies Shoes
\$2.25 to \$6.00

\$3.50 Shoes - \$2.25
\$5.00 Shoes \$3.75

25 to 33-1-3 per Cent Discount on Shoes

MEN'S HATS
\$1.00 to \$3.75

If You Are Due Us Anything, We Want It
in fact we ask that you settle with us by April 10th

The Quality Store, Where a dollar
goes further and quality is highest

Watauga Supply Co.

Meat Camp. But unlike "Dock", he was not content to spend his days in the quiet life and so moved into town. True, it was no large town, but life in Boone is different from life on Meat Camp. Urban life is always different from rural life.

The interesting thing is that Manly Blackburn carried with him into the town the strength and best qualities of the countrymen. He never forgot to say "Howdy" and to the end of his days he bore the marks and the air of a good, substantial corn and sheep raiser. His business activity in the commercial world was simply something added on to him and produced no fundamental change in his naturally very strong make-up. There are but few men who have enough native strength of character to enable them to move from the country into the town without suffering serious deterioration of character. On the one hand, part of them sink into semi-servile wage-earners and in so doing lose a part of that bold independence which marks the man, however poor that lives at the head waters of Beaver Dams or high up under the big hessian. On the other, if a man is fairly successful he takes on the manners and habits of the townsman and in so doing forgets and generally loses many of the best traits of the country dweller. Manly Blackburn, in moving, lost nothing but

from early rural life. Which of these men was the best, which lived the most ideal life? No man can answer. Each lived as his unfettered strong will directed him to live and, therefore, the life that each lived was, for him, the best. I knew "Dock" Adams from early childhood. I came to know Manly Blackburn in my early manhood. I count it a blessing that I had an opportunity to know and observe with some care the life of each.

The second lesson that comes to me from my observation and study of these two strong men of my native county is that a strong man can live in Boone, on Meat Camp or under the shadows of the Jones farm. A real man is a man anywhere. He makes conditions.

W. H. SWIFT,
Greensboro, N. C. Marth 13.

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